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TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.—I can furnish (by arrangement) made on the Susquehanna) all kinds of Lumber this season, at surprising low rates. The attention of Builders is especially called to this time to our large stock of Sash from 8x10 to 10x15 Two and four panel Doors, plain and fancy moulded, from \$1.25 to \$2.50 each. FRANCISCUS.

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THE MISTREEL.

THE COTTAGE HOME. From John Bower's Collection—Air, "Oh, Susannah."

I dreamed a dream the other night, When all around was still; I thought I saw my cottage white Upon yon flow'ry hill.

The grass-patch green before the door, The porch with vines o'ergrown, Were lovely as they were before, When that cottage was my own.

That pleasant home, that happy home, That cottage home was mine.

The silver lake, so calm and clear, That looked out to the west, So often with my Lucy dear, To watch the sunlight fade;

Since hung round that happy home, Where once, so light and free, My laughing children used to come And dance around my knee;

Yes, that loved wife has gone to rest, In death her heart is bound; Her babes are sleeping on her breast, Beneath yon grassy mound;

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MONKEYS AT MALACCA.

In the afternoon we used to paddle gently up "Monkey Creek," to enjoy the cool shade of the forest and amuse ourselves.

Passing clear of the belt of the Mangrove, we soon floated among the luxuriant vegetation of the Indian jungle, the underwood here and there giving place to small patches of grass or weed.

Large alligators which had been ashore on either bank, launched themselves slowly into the creek, or turned round and kept a steady watch with their cruel looking yellow eyes.

Bright colored iguanas and strange shaped lizards shuffled along the banks, or lay on the branches of trees, puffing themselves up so as to look like nothing earthly; the shrill call of the pea hen, and the eternal chattering of monkeys gave life and animation to the scenes.

Pushing our canoe amongst the overhanging wild vines and creepers so as to hide her, we sat quietly awaiting the monkeys, and it was not long before they commenced their gambols to attempt to frighten us; a string of black ones came breaking through the trees with frantic cries, and threw themselves across the creek and back again with amazing energy; then a hoarse sound made us turn suddenly to meet the gaze of a face almost human, with a long grey beard, which was earnestly watching us through the foliage of a withered tree; bring a gun to the shoulder, and the old man's head would be seen to leap away upon the disproportionate body of some ape.

But nothing could equal in ludicrous interest, a family monkey scene taking place in some clear spot at the base of a tree. There, a respectable papa might be seen seated against the roots, overlooking the gambols of his child, while with a fond solicitude his better half, a graceful female monkey, was employed turning aside the tufts of grass, as if seeking for nuts or berries for the little one, then she would clutch the little rascal and roll over with him in all the joyousness of a young mother, and he shrieked, pouted and caressed as any little boy might have done; the whole scene was a burlesque upon human nature.

Unable to contain ourselves any longer, we burst into roars of laughter. The father leaped at once on a neighboring branch, and shaking it with rage, grinned at us through a very spiteful set of teeth; the lady screamed; the baby squealed and jumped to her breast, clasped its little arms round her neck, and its legs around her chest, and then she was off with a bound, papa followed and covering up her retreat with venomous grins at us, whom he evidently regarded as only a superior breed of apes.—Quechah, by Capt. Cascorne.

Mining Localities Peculiar to California.—In Put's Golden Songster—a collection of original California songs, there is the following curious list of localities peculiar to that State:

- Jim Crow Canon, Snow Point, Happy Valley, Wild Cat Bar, Red Hood's Glory, Paradise, Ground Hog's Glory, Nary Red, Hell's Delight, Dead Mule Canon, Jackass Gulch, Blue Belly Ravine, Devil's Basin, Gas Hill, Bogus Thunder, Dead Man's Bar, Ladies' Canon, Wild Goose Flat, Dead Wood, Sloice Fork, Last Chance, Brandy Flat, Miller's Defeat, Brandy Flat, Gouge Eye, Shinbone Peak, Greenhorn Canon, Grideron Bar, Loafers Hill, Seven-up Ravine, Puke Ravine, Gospel Gulch, Shanghai Hill, Mad Canon, Hen Roost Camp, Plug-head Gulch, Loafers' Retreat, Shirt tail Canon, Chicken Thief Flat, Guano Hill, Lousy Ravine, Slap Jack Bar, Humpback Slide, Hungry Camp, Quack Gulch, Lazy Man's Canon, Skunk Gulch, Swellhead Diggings, Mud Springs, Logtown, Coon Hollow, Muderer's Bar, Cavote Hill, Whisker Bar, Skindint, Peppor-Box Flat, American Hollow, Poor Man's Creek, Gupher Flat, Poverty Hill, Yankee Doodle, Nigger Hill, Gold Hill, Studd Horse Canon, Horsetown, Pancake Ravine, Hungbuck Canon, Bob Ridley Flat, Petticoat Slide, Centipede Hollow, One Eye, Chucklehead Diggings, Nuteake Camp, Push Coach Hill, Mount Zion, Seven by Nine Valley, Puppypoint, Barefoot Diggings, Paint Pot Hill, Love Letter Camp.

A Highwayman Thashed by a Girl.—As a peasant-girl named Melaine Robert, daughter of a small farmer near Corbeil, France, was proceeding to Essomes, lately, a man armed with a thick stick suddenly presented himself and summoned her to give up her money. Pretending to be greatly alarmed, she hastily searched her pocket, and collecting some small pieces of coin, held them out to the man, who, without distrust, approached to take them; but the moment he took the money, Melaine made a sudden snatch at the stick, and wresting it from his hand, dealt him so violent a blow with it across the head that she felled him to the ground. She then gave him a sound thrashing, and in spite of his resistance, forced him to accompany her to the Commissary Police.

If all the ladies would act as spiritedly as Miss Melaine, they might safely walk alone at night, and not compel ungallant grumblers to escort them. We don't know however, that it is not better there are not many Miss Melaines. Husbands would have a hard time of it; the wives who now only use the tongue would use the broomstick, and those who now flourish the broomstick would get bolder and take to the tongue.

A Liverpool (England) paper says that two vessels, of greater length than the Leviathan, are being built at that city.

Communications.

For the Gazette. KILLING BIRDS, SQUIRRELS, &c.

There are those who allow themselves to be called men, and even members of a church, who, whenever they happen to see a bird hopping around merrily on a tree or fence and warbling its delightful lays, or a squirrel frisking about on a tree, are so destitute of all humane feelings as to kill, wantonly, these creatures that were created by an almighty hand to live and fulfil their destiny.

I have seen boys, and even persons who were grown up—I will not call them men, however—shouting, and throwing stones and clubs, and making noise enough, while in hot pursuit of a defenceless little squirrel, to be heard about a fourth of a mile, inducing some of their more peaceable neighbors to believe that they had become crazy, or that "the man with the poker" was after them.

But the poor innocent birds must also beware of these wolves, for persons of this cast of mind think it is a small thing to pick up a stone and kill them whenever they have an opportunity to do so, and then perhaps leave their lifeless bodies lying on the ground to be devoured by flies and worms.

It might be supposed that an Arab or a wild Hottentot would perhaps behave thus, but it is a sad thought indeed that such uncalled-for cruelty should be practiced in a civilized country. How can a sane person ever take delight in thus killing the beautiful and useful birds and squirrels? O, base cruelty! thus to destroy the birds that render our forests, our groves, and our fields vocal by their life-awakening songs. O, base cruelty! to destroy, for sport, the little squirrels that inhabit our woodlands and our fields, and give rational beings lessons of industry and peacefulness.

Boys, take a warning; never kill the birds or squirrels for sport. How lonely would be the fields and groves without the soft, sweet, and melodious strains which you hear the birds sing, and how pleasant it is to see the little squirrels skipping around on the trees and fences. Birds and squirrels, like everything else that was created, were created for some useful purpose. Then let them live.

A LOVER OF THE BEAUTIFUL. Near Belleville, July 2, 1858.

For the Gazette. NOTES ON SCHOOLS.

Mr. Editor—For the benefit of teachers, I send you the result of my observations on schools, taken while traveling through the State of Ohio, which, if you think proper, you can lay before your readers.

In some respects, the people of this State are in advance of us, while in others they are still far behind. One of their commendable advancements is the large number of neat and convenient school houses built within the last few years. Every township has a section of land granted to it, permanently, for the use of schools, which relieves the citizens from the usual heavy tax for building purposes. All the schools are supplied with public libraries, which are also donations from the State.

As regards the literal qualifications of teachers, they compare favorably with those of almost any other State. The examinations are commonly pretty strict, no certificates being granted to any who are not well versed in the common English branches. This has expelled most of the impostors among teachers. But as an offset to this the art of teaching, or imparting their knowledge to their pupils, seems very imperfectly understood by many. When they have put in their time they can draw their money, which appears to be the end of their object. But their indifference is less surprising when we consider that there is no officer whose duty it is to superintend and examine schools to see that they are rightly conducted. I am not to be understood, however, that all are such in towns where schools are under the direction of competent persons, they are generally flourishing. I think I never saw much better conducted schools than those in Urbana, under the supervision of our zealous friend of education, Mr. Deuel. This only verifies what we have said before in regard to the utility of County Superintendents.

Females are mostly employed during the summer season for various reasons, one of which is on account of the low salaries for which they can be had, and in some instances we thought these were shamefully low. Teachers' Institutes are held in nearly every county, which last from two to four weeks and sometimes much longer, but I have not heard that District Associations have ever been held, and I venture to say that a majority of teachers have never yet seen a work on education or teaching. SICMA.

Madisonburg, Ohio, July, 1858.

NOTICE.—We, the undersigned, give notice, agreeably to the laws of Pennsylvania, that we intend making application to the next session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the incorporation of a Bank, to be located in the borough of Lewistown, county of Mifflin, and State of Pennsylvania, under the name, style and title of "THE MIFFLIN COUNTY BANK," issue to be secured by bond and mortgage on real estate to be appraised by three men appointed by the Governor, at three-fourths its cash value, and joint and separate liability of all the stockholders, to have general banking and discounting privileges, with a capital of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, with the privilege of increasing it to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Wm. Cummins, Wm. Thompson, David Bates, Thomas Reed, John Henry, John D. Nagay, Alexander Reed, Wm. Beatty, Wm. M. Fleming, Abner Thompson. Lewistown, June 24, 1858.—6m

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